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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Gregory J. Strimbu

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Specification

The disclosure is objected to because the status of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/846,010 needs to be updated.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Recitations such as "located at the opening" on line 4 of claim 1 renders the claims indefinite because it is unclear if the applicant is claiming the subcombination of a mounting assembly or the combination of the mounting assembly and the enclosure. The preamble of claim 1 implies the subcombination while the positive recitation of the opening on line 4 of claim 1 implies the combination. Recitations such as "two slidable door panels" on lines 1-2 of claim 11 render the claims indefinite because it is unclear if the two door panels includes the door panel set forth above for a total of two door panels or if the two door panels are in addition to the door panel set forth above for a total of three door panels.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 and 8-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dansereau. Dansereau discloses a mounting assembly for mounting a door panel 14 at an opening of an enclosure between opposite walls 11 of the enclosure, comprising a horizontal header rail 16 located at the opening above the door panel having a track 72 for suspending the movable door panel 14 at the opening, an adjustable header expansion assembly 23 having a shaft 25 and a nut 24 in threaded engagement, the header expansion assembly coupled to the header rail such that one of the shaft and nut can be rotated relative to one another to expand the header expansion assembly and mount the header rail to the enclosure by opposite compressive forces acting on the walls, and a curb rail 30 having two rails 38 positioned at opposite ends of a curb expansion assembly 23 (note that there are two curb expansion assemblies one on each side of the curb rail 30 as shown in figure 1) for mounted the curb to the enclosure beneath the header rail, wherein the curb expansion assembly has a curb shaft 25 and curb nut 24 in threaded engagement and coupled to the curb rail, at least one of the shafts includes a tool receptor 27.

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Torstensen is cited for disclosing an adjustable frame.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record, absent applicant's own disclosure, fails to teach the entire combination of elements set forth in the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art of record fails to teach one of the threaded ends of the curb shaft has left hand threads and the other end of the threaded ends of the curb shaft has right hand threads such that rotating the curb shaft moves the curb nuts with respect to the curb shaft in opposite directions. See claim 4, lines 1-6.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Strimbu whose telephone number is 703-305-3979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 703-308-2486. The fax

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phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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